

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government require to import good quality cotton to meet its domestic demand; and
- (b) if so, the quantity of cotton imported during each of the last three years and estimated for the current year along with the name of countries and expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRIGINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Import of cotton is under Open General Licence (OGL) since 10th April, 1994. However, from 1999-2000, an import duty of 5% (with 10% surcharge) has been imposed. The user mills and other relating to cotton and textile industry can import cotton within the framework of the Government Policy.

(b) The quantity of cotton (including cotton waste) imported during last three years are as under:

QUANTITY:- IN TON VALUE:-IN RS. LAKH

1996-97 (Oct. -Sept.) 1997-98 (Oct. -Sept.) 1998-99 (Oct. -Sept.)

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4728.0 4846.0 45802.0 31373.3 101223.0 57872.2

Source: Foreign Trade Statistics of India.

The major countries from which cotton is imported are Australia, South Africa, USA, Egypt, Uzbekistan, Sudan, Turkey etc. For the cotton year 1999-2000 (Oct.-Sept.), the Cotton Advisory Board, on 18.7.2000, has estimated import of 3,23,000 ton of raw cotton.